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SUBJ: POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF THE PRGDEL, TPJMC

1. COL DUONG HIEU NGHIA, GVNDEL CHIEF OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS SUB- COMMITTEE, TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC), TOLD EMBOFF MORNING OF JUNE 26 THAT THE PRGDEL MIGHT PARTIALLY DEPLOY THIS WEEK, ALTHOUGH NEXT WEEK IS MORE LIKELY. THE GVNDEL HAS SOUGHT TO HAVE THE PRGDEL DEPLOY TO AT LEAST THE SEVEN DESIGNATED REGIONAL SITES IN ORDER TO DISCUSS FURTHER DEPLOYMENT TO THE " NEW" TPJMC SITES PERMITTED BY ARTICLE 11 (B) OF THE JUNE 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THE PRGDEL HAS INSISTED THAT THEY WILL ONLY DEPLOY TO THE " NEW" SITES. NGHIA EXPLAINED THAT A COMPFDMISE POSITION HAD BEEN REACHED WHICH ALLOWS THE PRGDEL TO MOVE TO THE SEVEN REGIONAL SITES WITHOUT ACTUALLY " DEPLOYING".

2. AT THE MONDAY SUB- COMMITTEE SESSION, THE PRGDEL REQUESTED THE
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ASSISTANCE OF THE GVN DEL IN ARRANGIE THE TRAVEL OF PRG PERSONNEL DIRECT FROM SAIGON TO COMMUNIST TERRITORY. NGHIA SAID THAT REQUEST WAS DENIED SINCE IT WOULD NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT COORDINATION WITH THE CORPS COMMANDERS. INSTEAD, THE GVNDEL COUNTER- PROPOSED THAT THE PRGDEL LIAISON PERSONNEL FIRST PROCEED TO THE SEVEN REGIONAL SIZAS WHERE THEY COULD SELECT PICK- UP ZONES (PZS) AND COORDINATE THE DETAILS OF THE PICK- UPS. THE GVN COULD THEN FLY THE PRG PERSONNEL TO THE PZS, DROP THEM IF THEY WISHED, AND FLY ANY NEW ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST PERSONNEL BACK TO THE REGIONAL SITE. FROM THERE, NGHIA SAID, THE PRG PERSONNEL WOULD BE FLOWN TO SAIGON FOR TRAINING AS THE PRGDEL HAS REQUESTED.

3. NGHIA POINTEDOUT THAT DURING THIS PROCESS THERE WOULD BE A TIME WHEN THERE WOULD BE NO PRG PERSONNEL AT THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, I. E., THEY WOULD BE IN TRANSIT BETWEEN THE REGIONAL SITES AND THE PZS OR SAIGON. THUS, NGHIA ASSURED THE OTHER SIDE THIS TRAVEL COULD NOT REALLY BE TERMED " DEPLOYMENT". ALTHOUGH THIS ARGUMENT SEEMS TRANSPARENT, NGHIA SAID IT WAS APPARENTLY SUFFICIENT FOR THE PRGDEL AS THEY ACCEPTED THE GVN PROPOSAL.

4. NGHIA DID NOT HAVE A FIRM FLIGHT SCHEDULE YET, BUT BELIEVED NEXT WEEK TO BE THE MOST LIKELY TIME FOR THE TRIPS TO BEGIN. THE PRGDEL HAD ALSO NOT YET GIVEN HIM A LIST OF PERSONNEL TO BE TRANSPORTED, BUT HE PRESUMED THAT THERE WOULD BE FROM TWO TO SIX PRG PERSONNEL SENT TO EACH REGIONAL HEAQUARTERS.

5. NGHIA WAS HOPEFUL THAT ONCE THE PRGDELS REPS ARE AT THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS THEY WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL " NEW" SITES FOR SUB- REGIONAL DEPLOYMENT ALTHOUGH HE REALIZED THIS SUBJECT WAS FRAUGHT WITH POTENTIAL PROBLEMS.

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